

# 2019 Community Engagement Conference

Partnering for a Resilient and Sustainable Future



## Center for Human-Animal Interactions Research and Education

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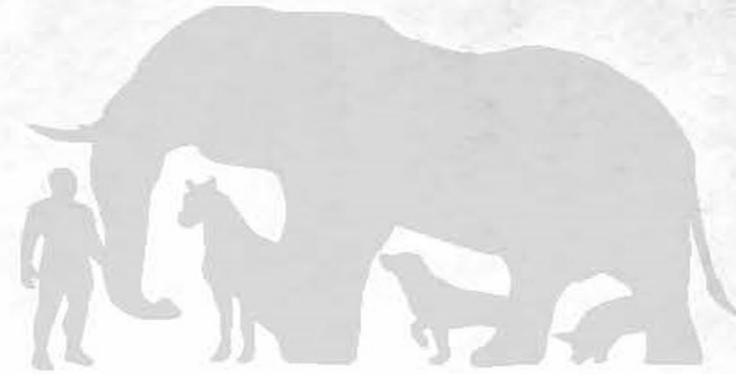


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# My Inspiration

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“One does not meet oneself until one catches the reflection from an eye other than human.”

*Loren Eiseley, The Unexpected Universe*

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## Our Vision

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We envision CHAIRE as a leading authority in developing guidelines to improve human-animal interactions and promote positive welfare for all.



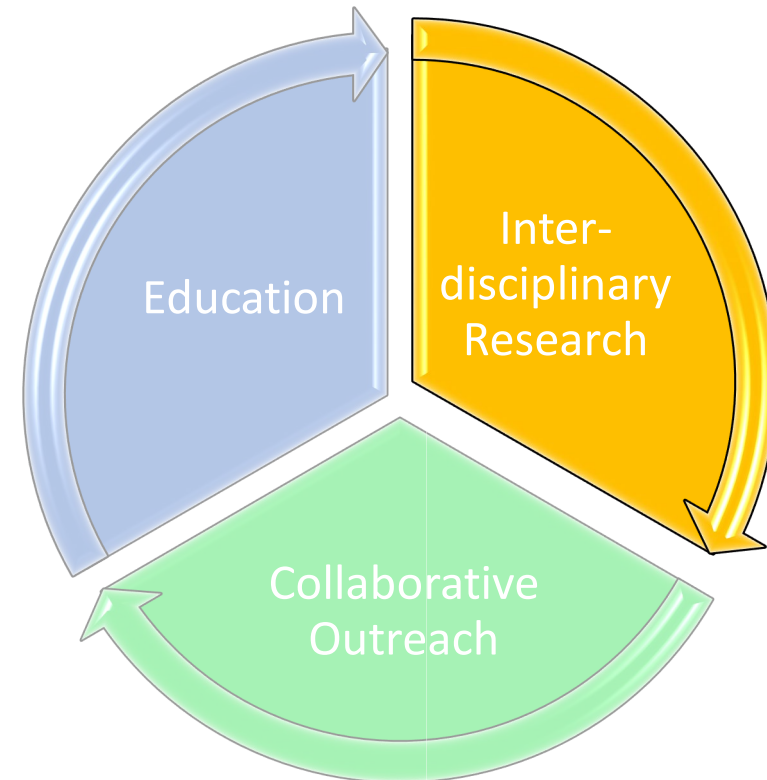
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## Our Mission

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CHAIRE will foster new interdisciplinary activities and compliment efforts already underway in current academic units and industry partners.



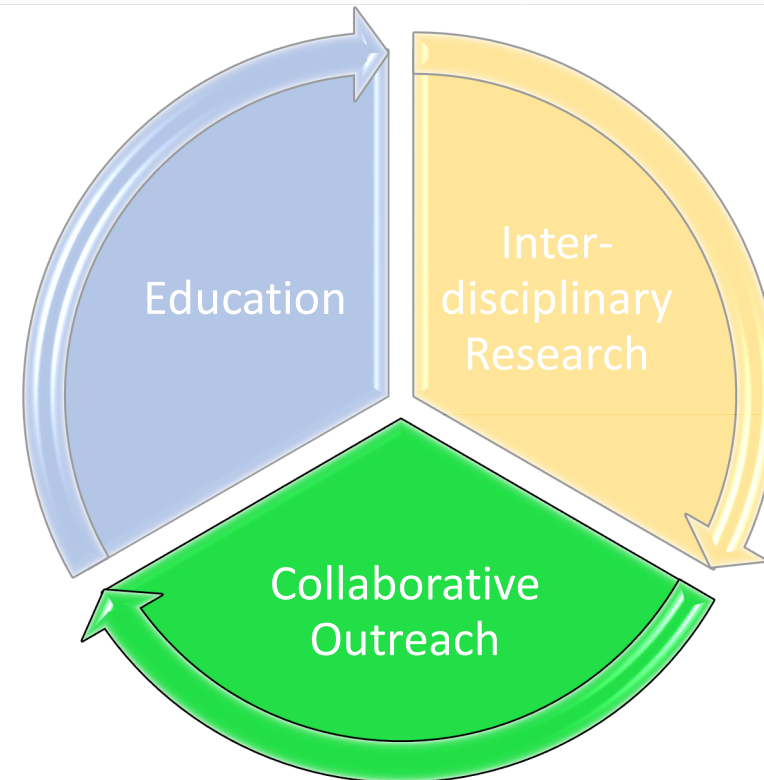
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CHAIRE will enhance the relationship between humans and non-human animals and advance appropriate husbandry, management, and welfare of wild and domestic species through collaborative outreach.



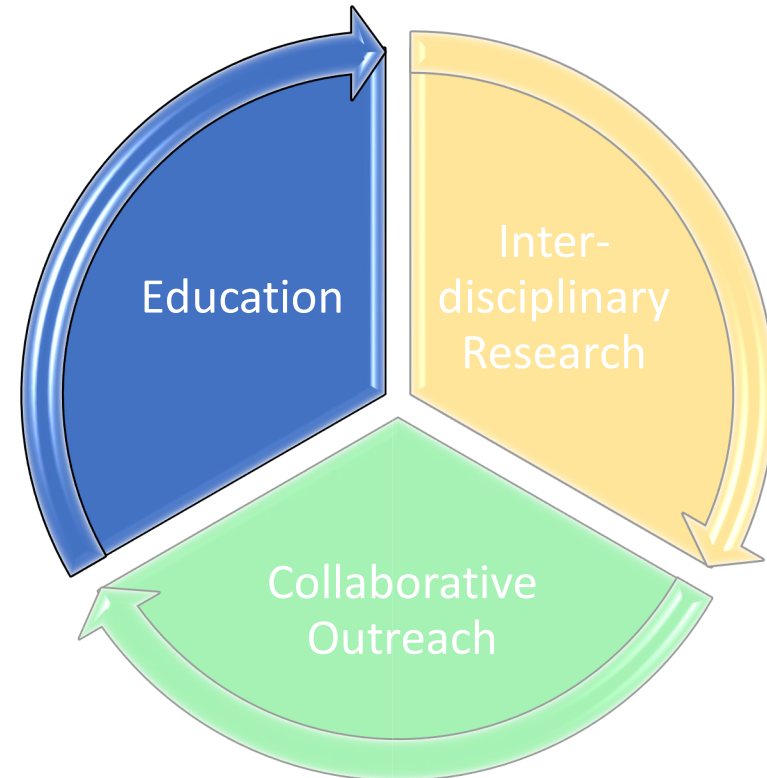
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CHAIRE will train the next generation of leaders in the area of human-animal interactions through educational opportunities.





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### FOCUS AREAS



CONSERVATION



WELFARE AND BEHAVIOR



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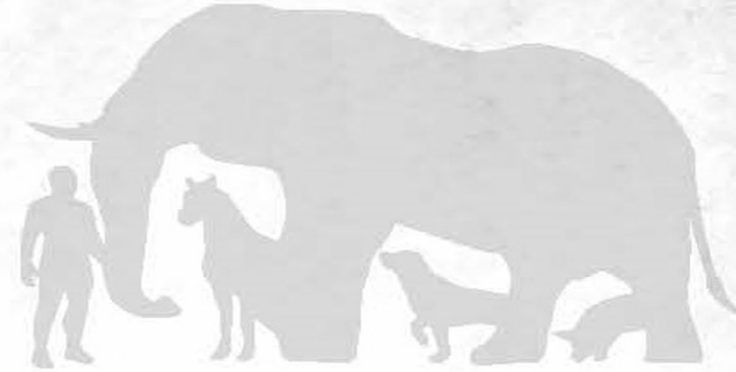
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## Why Now?

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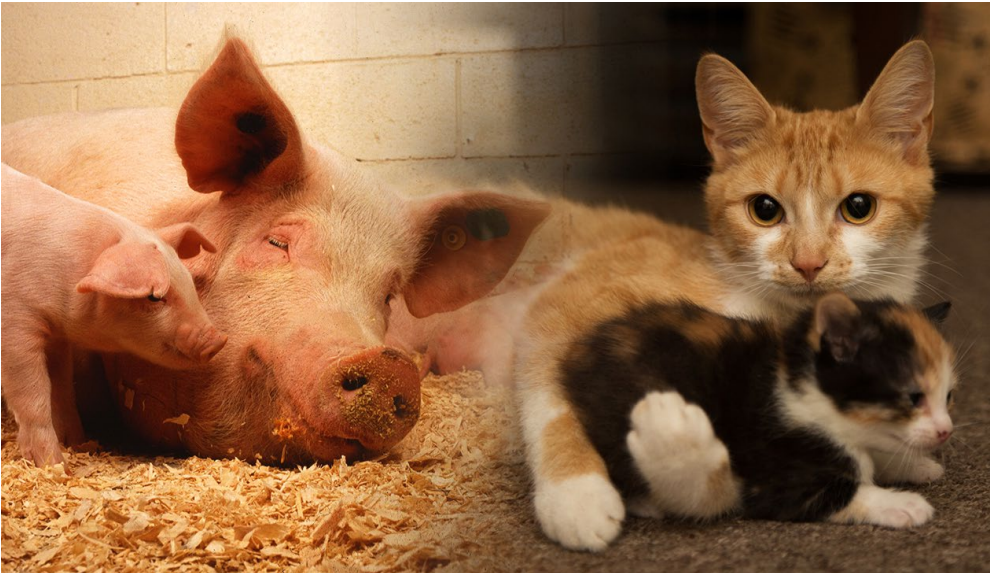
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## What makes us unique?

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### Expanding Interdisciplinary Expertise

- Department of Animal Sciences
- School of Environment and Natural Resources
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- College of Social Work
- Ohio 4-H
- College of Nursing
- College of Public Health





### Expanding Transdisciplinary Partners

- The Buckeye Ranch
- Pilot Dogs
- Phibro Animal Health Corp
- Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- The Wilds
- African Educational Safaris
- Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center
- Ohio Wildlife Center
- Athens County Dog Shelter
- Athens County Children Services

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## Student Impact (Education)

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- Human-Animal Interactions Minor Curriculum
- Education Abroad Opportunities

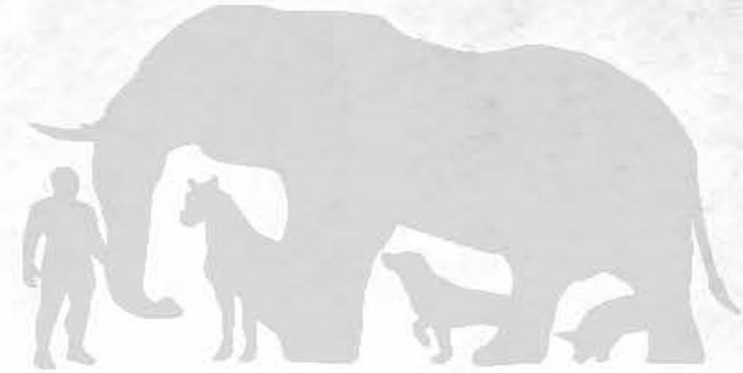




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## Student Impact (Education)

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- Undergraduate Internships
- Student Organizations





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## Community Impact (Outreach)

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- Development of overnight bush camp experience and conservation workshop at The Wilds
- 4-H PetPALS (canine support animals)
- Volunteering at local animal rescue organizations



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## Past Research (sampling)

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- Reducing Trauma in Opioid-Affected Families using Human-Animal Interaction Techniques: a feasibility study
- Shelter animal behavior and training for improved adoptability
- Southern white rhino behavior and welfare study
- Sow behavior and welfare
- California sea lions behavior and welfare study
- Ambassador cheetah welfare and human bond
- Equine youth programming and welfare assessment





- **EMPATHY** – **EMP**loyment in **A**nimal **T**reatment and **H**usbandry for **Y**outh with autism
- Creation of “Ask an Expert” blog on CHAIRE website
- Improving student health through HAI



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## Where do we go from here?

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- Production of CHAIRE YouTube Channel
- Development of HAI free online course
- Establishment of a biennial research symposium

## The possibilities are endless!



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## Engagement Opportunities

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- ✓ Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube
- ✓ Become a “friend” of CHAIRE to receive electronic newsletter and event news
- ✓ Fiscally support CHAIRE to help assure our mission
- ✓ Sponsorship of Research Symposium
- ✓ Graduate Student Support
- ✓ Student Internships
- ✓ All of the above!

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# Thank You!

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